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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Toshikazu KIKUCHI, ) Re: VERIFIED STATEMENT  
et al.) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
Serial No.: 10/800,360 )  
 ) Group Art Unit: Not yet  
 ) assigned  
Filed: March 12, 2004 )  
 ) Our Ref: B-3425RE 621782-5  
For: "INSERTING DEVICE FOR )  
DEFORMABLE INTRAOCULAR LENS" ) Date: August 12, 2004

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the subject application is an executed Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status (Small Business Concern).

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the "Commissioner of Patents P.O Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on August 12, 2004 by Elizabeth Romero.

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